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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF 12 DECEMBER LETTER FROM HEAD OF
USSR DELEGATION TO LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, CIRCULATED
AS A/CONF.62/3.

QUOTE

THE DELEGATION OF THE SOVIET UNION CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY
TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF SOVEREIGN EQUALITY
WHICH IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED UNDER INT'L LAW, ALL STATES
ARE ENTITLED, WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION OF ANY KIND, TO PART-
ICIPATE IN INT'L CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS OF INTEREST
TO THE INT'L COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA IS CALLED UPON TO DRAW UP
A CONVENTION ON MATTERS AFFECTING IMPORTANT INTERESTS

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OF ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. ACCORDINGLY, THE DELEGATION
OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS HAS AT ALL STAGES

OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE INSISTED THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE OPEN FOR PARTICIPATION BY ALL STATES AND HAS URGED, IN PARTICULAR, THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET-NAM SHOULD BE INVITED TO THE CONFERENCE.

THE DELEGATION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET-NAM THERE ARE, FROM AN INT'L STANDPOINT, TWO ADMINISTRATIONS AND TWO AREAS OF CONTROL IN SOUTH VIET-NAM. THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET-NAM IS A SIGNATORY OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE ACT OF THE INT'L CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM. IT IS AN OFFICIAL PARTICIPANT IN THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES.

ACCORDINGLY, THE SOVIET UNION FULLY SUPPORTS THE STATEMENT CONTAINED IN THE CABLE DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1973 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM ADDRESSED TO THE SEC-GEN OF THE UNITED NATIONS (A/9350) TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET-NAM "HAS FULL LEGAL COMPETENCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF ALL INT'L CONFERENCES AND ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTING THE DESTINY OF NATIONS".

THE DELEGATION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS EXPRESSES REGRET AT THE DISCRIMINATORY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET-NAM, WHICH HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE, AND AGAIN DECLARES THAT THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET-NAM IS ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA.
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